

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	Group Art Unit: 2645
Michael Wayne Brown, <i>et al.</i>	§	
	§	Examiner: Hashem, Lisa
Serial No.: 10/015,282	§	
	§	Atty Docket No.: AUS920010822US1
Filed: December 12, 2001	§	
	§	Customer No.: 34533
Title: Intermediary Device Based	§	
Callee Identification	§	Confirmation No.:

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 Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

This paper provides Applicants' comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated September 15, 2006. Applicants agree with the Examiner's statement that the claims as currently amended are not disclosed by Farris, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,122,357). Applicants respectfully disagree, however, with the Examiner's statement that Farris is functionally equivalent to a method, system, and product for specifying telephone services for a particular callee that includes: detecting a call receipt condition from a destination device at a trusted telephone network; brokering a connection between said destination device and an external server enabled to perform a callee identity authentication service; and responsive to receiving, from said external server, an authenticated callee identity of a callee utilizing said destination device, specifying services available to said callee according to said authenticated callee identity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0447 for any fees required or overpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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